

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2013

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 210 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Authorize Chief Magistrates.

SPONSOR(S): Senators Brunstetter and Parmon

FISCAL IMPACT					
(\$ in millions)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available					
	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
Special Fund Revenues:					
Special Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:					
Administrative Office of the Courts					
EFFECTIVE DATE: When it Becomes Law					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:					
None					

FISCAL SUMMARY:

Fiscal Research anticipates no significant fiscal impact.

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This Bill amends G.S. 7A-146 to allow the chief district court judge of a judicial district to designate a full-time magistrate in a county to serve as chief magistrate. The chief district court judge may delegate to the chief magistrate some or all of the administrative duties associated with assigning matters to magistrates and prescribing the times and places at which magistrates in a particular county shall be available for the performance of their duties. The chief magistrate shall serve for an indefinite term and at the chief district court judge’s pleasure, and applies only to counties where the chief district court judge determines that it is in the best interest of justice to designate a chief magistrate.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

In some judicial districts, the chief district court judge has already designated a magistrate to act as chief magistrate. As it is currently written, there are no fiscal implications to this bill. There is no authorization of a salary increase for those magistrates that may be designated as “chief magistrates” under this bill.

SOURCES OF DATA: Administrative Office of the Courts

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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